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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my thoughts on the Microsoft case. I am very glad to see that there has been a settlement reached. This case has dragged on for nearly three years and in my view has hindered the countries economic development. Accepting this settlement will allow both Microsoft and the U.S. Government to apply their resources to endeavors more pressing and of greater benefit to the public than the pursuit of prolonged legal battles.

I use Microsoft products on a daily basis. I feel the company has built an excellent array of products and applications which have greatly facilitated the interchange of information and ideas throughout the world. I applaud the concept of free and open competition as well as recognize the need for business to aggressively pursue growth. Microsoft has become a leader in the market through bringing to the public the product that best suits the consumers' needs. I believe that the settlement will aid other companies in developing competing and complementary products - whether this advantage is warranted, or not, seems to be a decision that your organization has reached a decision upon which I would like to see brought to rest. This appears to me to be a sufficient step in responding to the claims of monopolistic practices.

For the sake of all concerned please settle this suit and allow Microsoft to concentrate on their business and contribution to the U.S. economy.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Jordon